

A BLOODY  
PLOT,

Brought to light by Gods providence :

*Wherein was intended,*  
A great insurrection, and rising of the Papists in divers Count-  
ies of this Kingdome, on Thursday, October 18. 1641.

ONE  
M<sup>r</sup> BEALE

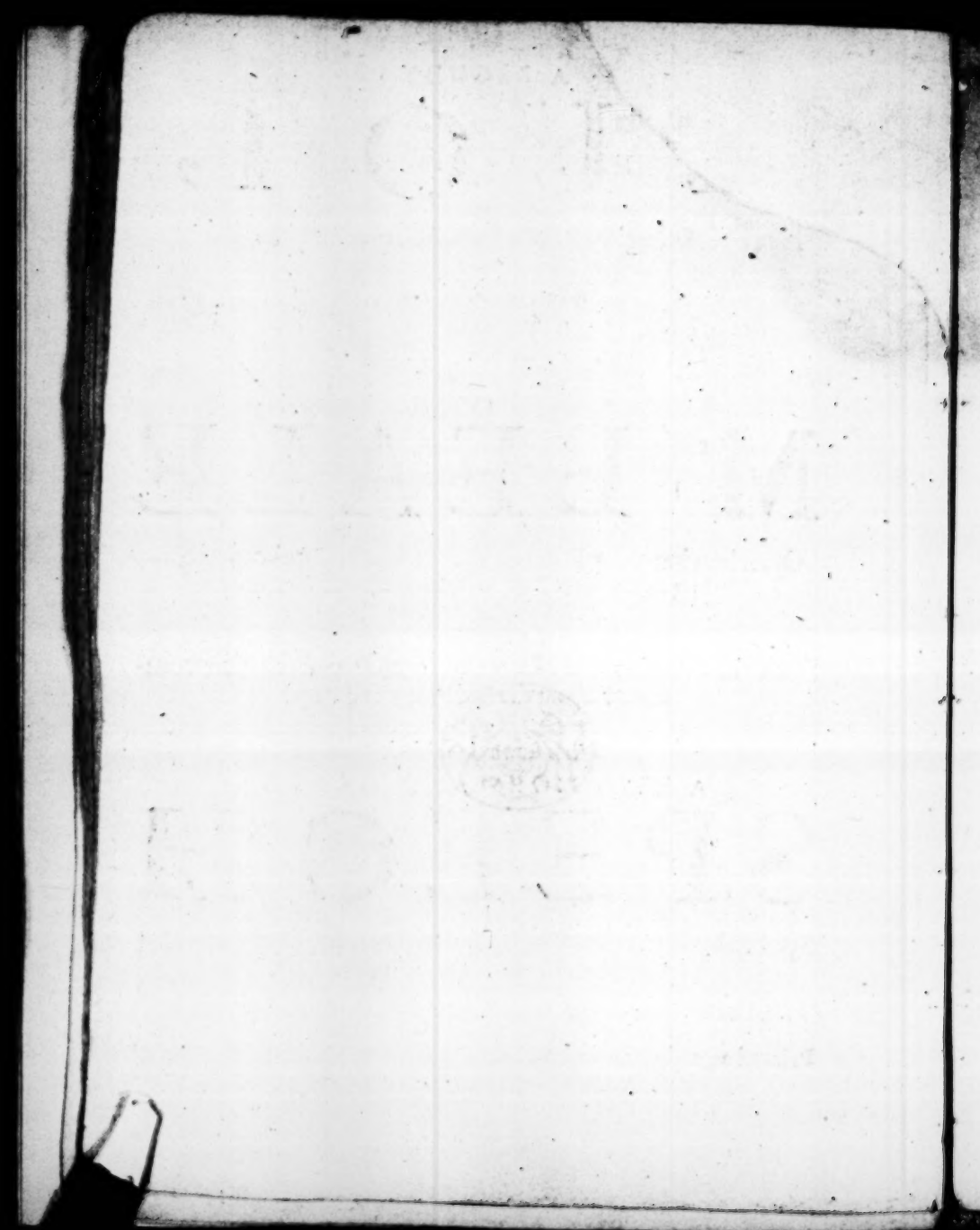
Over-hearing their Discourse, which is here related, accord-  
ing to the true Copy, by him presented to the  
PARLIAMENT.

With the Number, and Names of some Papists that are com-  
mitted about the said Plot : and why ?

Whereunto is added,  
A RELIGIOUS AND GRAVE  
SPEECH

Spoken by Sir Robert Philips in Parliament, for the drawing  
up of the Remonstrance ready to the King.

Printed according to the true Coppie, presented to the High Court of  
Parliament, by the Author himselfe, 1641.





A True  
**DISCOVERY**

Of a bloody Plor.

**O**N *Munday about one or two of the clocke in the After-  
noone, Thomas Beale walking in the fields beyond the  
Pest-house, hearing the Discourse, perceived their names,  
the one to be George, the other Philips.*

*George.*

**VV** Hat a wicked thing was it, that  
that plor did not take effect?

*Philip.* Oh 'twas a wicked thing  
indeed! but I hope it was dismissed, that a better  
might take place.

*George.*

I hope it will prove a better, if it be not unlucki-  
ly prevented.

*Philip.*

For my part I doe not fully understand the mat-  
ter, for I came but last night to Town, and as soone  
as I came to my Lords, they told me I must needs  
come againe this morning; and when I came, I was  
conveyed up into the Lords chamber, and there was  
my Lord and Father *Jones*, and Father *Andrewes*: and  
Father *Andrewes* related to me what service I was for,  
but yet I could not fully understand the scope of it.

*George.* No: why, thou knowest whether thou  
carriedst thy Letters.

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*Philip.*

*Phil.* Yes, I carryed Letters into *Buckinghamshire*, and into *Warwickshire*, and into *Worcestershire*; but I did not know for what: but at one place I was bravely entertained, at Mr. *Sh*: as soone as ever he read the letter, he caused me to be set to dinner, and when I had dined, hee gave me a Letter to deliver to my Lord, and a piece for my selfe, and charged mee to make all speed I could to *London* againe: but prettlee why dost thou bring me to stand here?

*George.* I stand here, because in yonder path (pointing to the roode-way before him) I promised to stay for *Dick Jones*: thou knowest him, dost not?

*Phil.* Yes, as well as I know thee.

*George.* He's a good lusty fellow thou knowest, & he is appointed to kill that raskally puritan *Pym*, him that hath bin the chiefe cause of our misery.

*Phil.* But I feare still the puritans will prevaile.

*George.* Tush, tush, prevaile; how can that be? being we have so many friends both in the lower & the upper house; and when all these base puritans are killed, then on a sudden all the City will be in a tumult, and then on the instant will there be risings in severall places of the land, to my knowledge: in *Buckinghamshire*, in *Warwickshire*, in *Worcestershire*, in *Lancashire*, (the other two places I remember not.)

*Phil.* Yea marry Sir, this sounds well, if wee can but escape, we shall all be made men.

*George.* If we escape, we shall be brave fellowes; Lords, and Knights, and Gentlemen: and we have as brave wayes to escape as ever men had: for wee can quickly change our names, and our cloaths, and our faces too, and with that he plucked a false beard out of his pocket, saying, am I the man I was; putting it on as I conceive

*phil.*

*Phil.* That is a dainty way indeed, we may thank *Father Andrews* for that trick; for if we have but the least time, presently we can change our shapes: but if we should be taken, 'tis but our lives, and then wee shall be Saints: for wee to day tooke the holy Sacrament on it, and were shrieved.

*George.* So did we on Saturday, I was the 37 man, and we had forty shillings a man: and when that was gone, wee might come and fetch more.

*Phil.* I thinke I was the last of all: for after I was in my Lords Chamber, I staid till 5 more came, and I understood that *Father Jones* said we were all, & I was last set downe, & was the hundred and eight, and we had all 40 s. a piece, (shaking his pockets) but how cunning *Father Jones* was, he set downe all our names on the one side, and just against them the names of them we should kill: but pr thee who must kill the Lords?

*Geor.* O they be brave fellowes in their scarlet Coates, and their Cloaks lined with plush, they had ten pounds a man, and if we should prevaile, we shall every man have the possessions and lands of him that we kil'd: there be 4 *Londoners* Tradesmen, that are to kil the puritan Citizens.

*phil.* I doe but thinke what a racket there will be when this is done; though all be not killed, yet it will make such a tumult for the time, that it will make them have little mind to send to *Ireland*.

*Geor.* Ay, that was *Father Andrewes* his wit, to prevent sending to *Ireland*, and I hope if they prevaile there, we shall not need to feare here.

*Phil.* Thou knowest him that thou art for ay, as well as I know thee; and I (swearing most bloudily) will be his death, though it cost me my life a thousand times, hee is a great fat guts fellow, either coming downe stairs, or in their Coaches, or at any other place:

Having spoken thus, he that they looked for *Dick Jones* it seemeth did appeare, which caused *George* suddenly to leape up, saying, now he is coming; and by his suddaine starting, he descryed me on the other side of the bank, which when he had, he desperately swore he would end me first, and with that, stepping up the banke on the sudden, ere I could recover my legs, which were so nummed with kneeling, that indeed for the time I could not stand, he drew his repier and ran me through my cloake, short coat, breeches, shirt and breeches on the other side: and by the almighty providence of God, ran betwixt my thighes, and yet did me no hurt at all: so thinking he had ended me (for indeed I lay still, being in such a sudden feare with the sight, and hearing him speake so bloudily, and fearing a second blow) hee leaped backe againe, and ran away out of my sight, before ever I could recover my senses to take notice which way he ran, but as soone as ever I came to my selfe, I posted to the Parliament House, and first related it to Alderman *Somers*: he and Mr. *Pymme* satisfied the Lower House of it, where I was examined, and afterward in the Lords House three severall times: & since that the place hath bin seriously viewed, both by Lords and Commons, and the truth made apparant, and I hope some of the Plotters taken: which I pray God they may be, if it please him, for Jesus Christ his sake: to whom be praise for ever, *Amen.*



THE  
NAMES of the Papists  
Committ<sup>ed</sup>.

I.

ON the aforesaid 18. day of *November*, there was one *Sherburne* a Recusant, brought as a Delinquent to the House, for saying his Son had hurt a man in the fields: therefore he had sent him out of the towne, that he might not be questioned, for it was conceived, that his Son had hurt Mr. *Beale*, and that he knew of the Conspiracie.

II.

AFTERWARDS on Saturday following, the House of Commons was turned into a Committee; to receive the Names of such eminent Recusants, as beare any Office in the severall Counties, or were any wayes suspected dangerous. And they reported to the House the names of above three-score, which afterwards at a Conference, were delivered to the Lords, desiring, that there might be care taken of them: especially of one *Little* living about *Rachston*. The Lords taking it into consideration, dispatched a Messenger for the bringing of the said *Little* to the House.

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*Sir Robert Philips his worthy Speech in  
Parliament.*

**I**F ever there were a necessity of dealing plainly and truly, now is the time. There hath bin admission of Papists, priests, and Jesuits, as if it were in Spaine or France: this increase of papists is by connivance of persons in Authority. Nine hundred and forty persons in houses of Religion in the Netherlands, being English, Irish, and Scots: and maintained by the papists in England. And of this, I shall deliver the particulars, that wee may frame a Remonstrance to the King: that unlesse there be some better performance of his Majesties so many gracious Answers to our Petitions, our religion will be past recovery.

**FINIS.**